

DISTRICT BASED INITIATIVES

Early Development Instrument (EDI) Training – Ms. Susan Kinkela led kindergarten teachers from across the District in the “on-line” version of the EDI training. This is the fourth round of EDI training in our district.

February Education Forum – is on Tuesday, February 7, 2012. The topic is the BC Education Plan and School District #54.

Secondary Timetable Initiative – Assistant Superintendent McDiarmid has been leading conversations with the secondary schools and NWCC regarding alignment of timetables to permit more choice and flexibility, which could see increased opportunities for trades, work experience, employment and other educational choices.

BVLC – Re-Visioning – the District has been talking with students and staff at BVLC for the past 10 months regarding what students need to increase further success in education. The conversations continue this week and further announcements should be forthcoming.

School Community Connections – School District #54, in partnership with the District of Houston and the Town of Smithers received grants as part of the School Community Connections (SCC). All projects have now been completed. This program is a partnership between the BC School Trustees Association and the Union of British Columbia Municipalities. Special thanks to SD54 maintenance crews for making these projects possible.

Kindergarten Registration – takes place the week of February 20-24, 2012 at all elementary schools in our district.

SCHOOL BASED INITIATIVES

Walnut Park School Penny Drive – had another successful penny drive at the same time as sponsoring food hampers. At the end of the three day challenge, students and staff raised \$730.00 for the Christmas Hampers.

Field Trip Proposals – the following field trip will require motion for board approval:

Houston Secondary – Grade 10-12 students accompanied by Betty-Lou Doyle and Ted Beck, travelling to Europe (Germany, Austria, Italy, Switzerland and France) during Spring Break 2013.

MOVED/SECONDED: K. Martinsen / J. McIntosh

“To approve the proposed field trip in principle to Europe (Germany, Austria, Italy, Switzerland and France).”

CARRIED

OPERATIONS

2011-2012 Amended Budget – will be presented to the Operations Committee at its meeting on February 7, 2012.

Carbon Neutral – the process for calculating, reporting and paying for our emissions as well as documenting our efforts to reduce emissions has begun. Relevant information will be brought to the Operations committee in February.

2012-2013 Enrolment projection – for September 2013 are required by the Ministry by February 15, 2012. The District is working with schools to collect “school based” projections.

Joint Use Agreement – data collection and analysis has begun on Town and Community use of district facilities, as we are entering into discussions with the Town of Smithers on the renewal of the 5 year agreement.

BCSTA Mileage Reimbursement – rates established by BCSTA are used by districts around the Province. BCSTA recently announced that they were raising the rate by \$0.01 to \$0.53 / km, resulting in an approximate 2% increase. Administration will bring further information forward at the Operations Committee meeting on February 7, 2012.

EDUCATION FORUM REPORT

No meeting this month. Topic for next month’s meeting is BC Education plan and SD 54.

Date and time of next meeting is: Tuesday, February 7, 2012 starting at 7:00pm

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Martinsen presented the Committee's Report from the January 3, 2012 meeting. Items discussed included 2010-2011 SOFI (Statement of Financial Information), Lake Kathlyn Boiler Update, Changes to Funding Allocation and Letter from Parent re Class Size and composition.

Next meeting -Tuesday, February 7, 2012 starting at 5:00pm.

POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Yaremco presented the Committee's Report from the January 3, 2012 meeting. Consultation taken from November 16 to December 9, 2011 is now complete on the following: 6.355x-Acceptable Use, 6.175-Challenge of Learning Resources, 6.120-Flag Protocol and 9.180-Child Protection. Other items discussed include Section 3 and 8 of the Policy Manual, 9.210-Student Suspension, with the possible conflict to changes to Section 11 of the School Act, and Joint Use Agreement. These are still under review.

MOVED/SECONDED: S. Yaremco / L. Collingwood

"That the Board approve revisions to the policies as presented: 6.335x - Acceptable Use, 6.175 - Challenge of Learning Resources, 6.120 – Flag Protocol, and 9.180 – Child Protection."

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Date and time of next meeting - Tuesday, February 7, 2012 starting at 3:00pm

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

No meeting this month. Date and time of next meeting – to be determined.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business.

7. NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

8.1 EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

The Expenditure Summary for the period ended December 31, 2011 was included in Trustee Board packages.

9. READING FILE

December 14, 2011	Letter from SD8 re: Unique Student Needs Funding
December 16, 2011	Month end enrolment
January 9, 2012	Letter to Sita Then re: current teacher's job action

MOVED/SECONDED: J. McIntosh / L. Collingwood

"That the information contained in the Trustee Reading File be received and filed."

CARRIED

10. NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next School Board meeting will be held on February 21, 2012 at Houston Secondary School starting at 7:00 pm.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Les Kearns
Chairman of the Board

Steven Richards
Secretary Treasurer